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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1734**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tetsuya KUROSAWA) Group Art Unit: 1734
Application No.: 10/665,206) Examiner: Osele, Mark A.
Filed: September 22, 2003)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS)
OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2005, the period for response to which extends through May 16, 2005 (May 15th being a Sunday), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are set forth beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Attachment to this Amendment: three (3) sheets of drawings, each labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended FIGS. 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 19, and 20.